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SUBJECT: KAUNDA DENIES HE SAID RHODESIANS CAN WAIT TEN YEARS
FOR MAJORITY RULE

REF: CAPE TOWN 472

1. APRIL 25 ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL REPORTS PRESIDENT KAUNDA,
DURING HIS VISIT TO CUBA, DESCRIBED AS "BLATANT, DAMAGING
LIE" STORY WHICH APPEARED RECENTLY IN RHODESIAN HERALD (AND
IN RAND DAILY MAIL, REFTEL) TO EFFECT HE HAD SAID MAJORITY
RULE IN RHODESIA WILL BE ATTAINED IN TEN YEARS' TIME.
PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT, WHICH DISTRIBUTED TO PRESS IN
HAVANA BY FONMIN MWAANGA, ASSERTS HE HAS NEVER STATED
ANY TIME LIMIT AND THAT ZAMBIA'S STAND CONTINUES TO BE
IMFDIATE MAJORITY RULE FOR ZIMBABWE. MWAANGA ADDED THAT
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HERALD STORY WAS "CHEAP PROPAGANEC BY RACISTS" AND QUOTED

PRESIDENT AS SAYING THAT "I EXPECT WHITE RHODESIANS WHEN THEY COME TO SEE ME OR MY COLLEAGUES TO BE HONEST WITH THEMSELVES AND NOT TO FABRICATE STORIES."

2. ESPECIALLY GALLING TO ZAMBIANS WAS FACT THAT FIRKS/STRONG REPORT WAS WIDELY CIRCULATED WITHIN RHODESIA BY ANC SPOKESMAN EDSON SITHOLE. PRESIDENT QUOTED AS EXPRESSING SURPRISE THAT JJC, WHICH SHOULD KNOW WHAT ZAMBIA STANDS FOR, WOULD DISTRIBUTE SUCH MISLEADING INFORMATION. EDITORIAL IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL WAS MORE HARSHLY CRITICAL. MAIL ASSERTED "AFRICAN PEOPLE OF (ZAMBIA) HAVE PAID MORE FOR LIEIRATION OF ZIMBABWE IN MONEY AND BLOOD AND MANY OTHER SACRIFICES THAN INFRICAN PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE WHO CANNOT BOASTCBF A SINGLE INCIDENT OF SACRIFICE FOR THE LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE." ADDING THAT ZAMBIA SUPPORTS ACHIEVEMENT OF MAJORITY RULE "NOW" ON BASIS OF ONE MAN, ONE VOTE, MAIL POINTS OUT ZAMBIAN SECURITY AND ECONOMY CONTINUE TO BE JEOPARDIZED BY SETTLER RULE IN RHODESIA. ANC, MAIL DECLARES, IS TEEMING WITH ANTI-ANC ELEMENTS AND IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF. EXPRESSING SURPRISE AT SPEED OF ALLEGED EDSON SVHHOLE ACTION, PAPER CASTIGATES "POLITICAL IDCOTS" AMONG ZIMBABWEANS WHO MAY WISH TO DELAY POLITICAL FREEDOM TO GIVE THEMSELVES MORE TIME TO ORGANIZE PERSONAL POWER BASE WITHIN COUNTRY. "IT IS THESE ELEMENTS WITHIN ANC WHO ARE AREC ST#EFFORTS MADE BY ZAMBIA TO SEE THAT MAJORITY

RULE IS SPEEDED UP."

3. COMMENT: BEGIN LOU. WHATEVER FACTS BEHIND REPORTED KAUNDA COMMENTS TO TWO RHODESIAN FARMERS AND LATTER'S OWN MOTIVES IN COMPILING REPORT, ZAMBIANS OBVIOUSLY CANNOT ALLOW PUBLIC RECORD TO SUGGEST PRESIDENT WOULD SETTLE FOR ANYTHING

LESS THAN IMMEDIATE MAJORITY RULE. ZAMBIANS ARE ALREADY NANNOYED WITH EDSON SITHOLE FOR HIS EARLIERHEENUNCIATION OF DETENTION OF ZANU LEADERS FOR INVESTIGATION INTO CHITEPO MURDER AND HIS LATEST ACTION NO DOUBT SEEN HERE AS PART OF PATTERN OF DELIBERATE EFFORT ON PART OF SOME ANCHDLEMENTS TO MISREPRESENT ZAMBIAN POSITION. END LOU.
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